

From: [Wilson, Daphne](#)
To: [Reynolds, Mary](#)
Subject: FW: Rhonda Ann Fleming
Date: Friday, June 25, 2021 6:33:26 PM

Hi Mary,

I am seeking information regarding a mold complaint. Is there any information or assistance that we can provide this person? I will try to schedule a meeting next week.

Thanks,

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Give a hoot . . . don't pollute!

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From: (b)(6)(b)(6)(b)(6)(b)(6)(b)(6)(b)(6)(b)(6)(b)(6)(b)(6)

Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 8:58 AM

To: Wilson, Daphne <Wilson.Daphne@epa.gov>

Subject: Rhonda Ann Fleming

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Thank you very much for responding so quickly. At FCI-Tallahassee, we have a very serious mold, roach, and rat infestation problem that has gotten out of hand.

I have been incarcerated for a very long time(14 years for a non-violent white collar offense) and seen my share of bad housing situations, but this has become outrageous, and very dangerous.

First, housing D-Unit was condemned by your agency in 2018. There was no work done on the building. Inmates were moved out of the building and it sat empty until the present warden arrived. Warden Strong opened that building, during the pandemic, placed inmates in that building, and 100% of the inmates assigned to that building contracted the virus.

Why? Because mold makes you cough, gives you a runny nose, and other symptoms that made the inmates more susceptible to the virus.

Money that was sent from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Central Office, to fix the roofs of housing Units-A & D, was misappropriated, and left me, and about 300 other inmates, sleeping under trash bags whenever it rains. Of course, this lead to the growth of more mold and other toxins from the roof, seeping and dripping into the housing units. The windowsills are covered in mold. The building maintenance staff have been told to paint over it.

And, I want to be clear...the mold is excessive in all of the housing units at FCI-Tallahassee because none of the wardens have ever had a professional come in and do mold remediation.

There are massive patches of mold on the ceilings. I spoke with an inmate in housing unit D-North and she immediately told me that many of them were suffering with hair loss, all over body pain, headaches, runny noses, sudden excessive weight gain, and even memory loss. These are all symptoms of mold illnesses, to include Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome.

Ms. Wilson, I have other health problems that have been made worse by the conditions I am living in. I have repeatedly asked for transfer to home confinement for myself and other non-violent inmates that are sick from mold

illnesses.

I am unable to eat in Food Service and have to survive on food my family sends me money to purchase from the commissary. The kitchen is infested with mold, roaches, and rats big as cats. The food warehouse is so horrible, some inmates are afraid to go in that building, including me.

Please send some agents to run test on all of the buildings, to include Health Services, which is also full of mold. How can we receive medical care in a building that is full of mold? That building just had a major leak that caused flooding in all 4 floors of the building.

Please feel free to let the warden know how your agency was contacted. I went to Warden Strong for help and she gave me and several other inmates the brush off. A lot of money has been sent to this prison during the pandemic and none has been spent on bettering our housing conditions.

Most of us are Black and Brown people, so this is truly environmental racism.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Fleming #20446-009